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United States Formally Protests Against Confiscation Under Alien Act.

Senate Expected to Guard Electors Against the Gerry-mander.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 20.—The United States government has made formal representations to the Imperial government in reference to those American miners who recorded claims in the Atlin country under British Columbia mining licences before the passage of the Martin law. The fact of these men being deprived of their rights constitutes an element of unfairness about the measure.

The Electoral Job.
Further consideration of the Gerry-mander bill only serves to convince the Conservatives of its iniquitous character. The prospective action of the Senate is being greatly discussed. Sir Mackenzie Bowell declines to say what action the Conservatives of the upper house will take.

Mr. Nosse for Corea.
It is officially announced that T. Nosse, formerly Japanese consul at Vancouver, and now stationed at Chicago, has been transferred to Fusan, Corea. Mr. Nosse spent several weeks here recently, and the announcement of his transfer to Corea has been received with general regret, as it was hoped that Japan would create a consulate at Montreal and appoint Mr. Nosse thereto.

Trade Statistics.
Imports increased \$2,500,000 in April, and exports fell off \$300,000.

Scott Act Repeal.
Brome county will vote on Scott Act repeal on June 15.

TO DIE FOR A THREAT.
Toulon, May 20.—A French sailor named Le Bloueth, has been sentenced to death for menacing a lieutenant with a revolver.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure; 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

Re GEORGE BYRNES, Deceased.

Pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," notice is hereby given that all creditors of or persons having any debts, claims or demands upon or against the estate of George Byrnes, deceased, who died on the 13th day of March, 1899, and of whose estate letters of administration were on the 3rd of May, 1899, granted to Maria Byrnes, of 10 Iac street, Victoria, widow, are hereby required to send particulars of their claims or demands to Maria Byrnes, post office box 153, Victoria, on or before the 15th day of June, 1899, verified by statutory declaration, after which date the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the debts, claims and demands of which she shall then have had notice; and for the assets or any part thereof so administered and distributed she will not be liable to any person of whose debt, claim or demand she shall not then have had notice. And all persons indebted to the estate of the said deceased are required forthwith to pay the amount of their debts respectively to the said administrator.

Dated the 5th day of May, 1899.

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Dawson City In Ashes

Entire Business Centre of the Yukon Capital Was Laid Waste by Conflagration Just a Month Ago.

Fire Started Near Opera House, Devastated Water Front and Spread to Second Street—Four Million Dollars Lost.

Courier From the Sorely Stricken Town Makes Hazardous Trip Over the Broken Trail With News of the Misfortune.

The expected has happened. The great fire, so long threatened, has overwhelmed Dawson City, and nothing is left of the centre of the Klondike metropolis save a heap of costly ashes. Fortunately for the inhabitants, the big warehouses of the Alaska Commercial Company and the North American Trading and Transportation Company escaped untouched with all their contents, while one hundred and eleven buildings large and small were consumed ere the fire burned itself out.

By strange coincidence the fire was caused as had been its predecessor that all but obliterated the town, through the upsetting of a lamp by one of the inmates of a notorious sporting house. The loss is estimated at between three and four million dollars—fortunately without fatality.

April 26 was the date of the fire, and early the following morning L. P. Humes, a son of ex-Mayor Humes of Seattle, accompanied by Thomas P. Reilly, the government messenger, and a companion named Tokales, started for the outside, to bring the news to civilization over a trail that the majority asserted meant certain death.

They also carried out the report of the just closed royal commission, and after such adventures as few men survive, reached here by the Tees last night, their passage up the trails having been made with Mounted Police relays and the best dogs that the force could put at their disposal. In many places they found open water, and were forced to pick a way for themselves through the wilderness—yet they did it, and made Skagway in eighteen days from the start.

The fire commenced in the very heart of the business section, at the hour of 3 a.m., the initiation point being a cabin close to the opera house and on the waterfront strip. An abortive attempt was made to extinguish the blaze before an alarm was sounded, and in this way delay was caused that gave the fire such headway that when the brigade did turn out, they found a conflagration beyond their power to subdue.

A strong north wind was blowing, and the fire travelling in sheets and clouds rather than flames soon swept up all buildings in its way along the main thoroughfare down to and including Donohue & Smith's establishment, the razed area including all the waterfront buildings abreast of the same blocks.

Within half an hour from the time it started the fire had crossed the street twice, burned through and spread to Second street—every important building in what was broadly known as the business section being eaten up.

The firemen after their first half hour's work accepted the inevitable—abandoning the endeavor to extinguish the mad torrent of flame, and devoting themselves to the salvation of property in buildings as yet comparatively removed from the sweep of the fire.

Not a single building was left as a landmark from Timmins' Royal cafe to and opposite the Fairview hotel. In this district were all the structures erected in '97 and '98—indeed not a pioneer building is left to the town.

Logs and canvas being the two materials entering most into the construction of the buildings, and being dry as tinder, the small supply of water available, with but one steamer, would have been ridiculously insufficient to accomplish anything in the way of extinguishment.

Indeed, after the fire had obtained the master hand, it was highly dangerous to approach within many yards of the flames, the inevitable whirlwinds occurring at frequent intervals.

When the obliteration of the town appeared ordained the citizens became panic stricken, and even when they could have been of service rushed madly toward the hills back of the town, stopping to stand in petrified terror, gazing idly upon the destruction of their all.

Among the most prominent of the firms burned out were the Bank of British North America, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, McLellan & McPeckey (of Vancouver and Dawson), the Parson's Produce Company of Winnipeg, the Royal Cafe, Donohue & Smith, the Aurora saloon, the Bodega, the Madden House, the Victoria Hotel, the McDonald block and the California Exchange.

Of course there was no insurance on any property, and the stocks of the commercial companies will be severely taxed in meeting the demand for necessities, all private stores of food and clothing having been totally destroyed within the radius of the fire.

It will be impossible for any pretensions effort at rebuilding to be made until navigation opens, for at present there are not three thousand feet of rough lumber in the entire district. Materials of all sorts are equally scarce, the hardware stores carrying axes, nails, sashes, doors, glass for windows, etc., having been among the first to fall, and doors being quoted at \$35 to \$40 each (with \$10 extra for locks) in very limited quantity the morning after the fire.

Provisions were not advanced in price, nor clothing, the companies being determined apparently to do all in their power to relieve the general distress.

A rough estimate places the loss in gold and paper money alone at \$1,000,000, chiefly in the destruction of the Bank of British North America, the fireproof vault of this institution having belied its name. Altogether the burned area comprises quite three-quarters of the town of Dawson.

In their trip out the three couriers were forced to every expedient—walking, running with the dogs, swimming for life on two occasions, and breaking through repeatedly. They passed the river steamer Flora, cutting her way through the ice with her steel prow, at Hootalingua, and found the telegraph wire to Skagway completed at Cariboo Crossing, 77 miles inland.

From here Hume and Reilly go to Ottawa, their companion having been dropped at Bennett.

A letter which was brought out by the courageous messengers notes that before

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Mediation Put First.

Peace Conference Hopes for Practical Result in That Direction.

Humane Rules for Warfare on Land and Sea Come Next in Order.

Disarmament Committee Will Deal Only With Devices of Future.

By Associated Press.

The Hague, May 20.—At the second meeting of the peace conference to-day the president, M. De Staal, addressed the delegates on the subject to come before them, and the committees were formally appointed. They will meet for the first time on Tuesday. The eight points enumerated in Count Muraviev's circular for their consideration are the following:

DISARMAMENT.

The disarmament committee consider: First, the limitation of expenditures. Second, the prohibition of new fire-arms. Third, the limitation of the use of explosives. Fourth, the prohibition of the use of submarine boats.

LAW OF WARFARE.

The committee on laws of warfare will discuss: First, the application of the Geneva convention to naval warfare. Second, the neutralization of vessels in an engagement, while engaged in saving shipwrecked men, during and after naval engagements. Third, the revision of the declaration of Brussels of 1874, on the notifications and customs of war.

ARBITRATION.

The committee on arbitration and mediation will deal with the eight questions of Count Muraviev's circular. The British members of the arbitration committee are Messrs. Pauncfote and Howard. It was learned during the day that M. De Staal placed the question of mediation and arbitration in the forefront during his speech. The question of the laws of warfare, rendering war as humane as possible by the extension of the regulations already existing was then touched upon by the president, and he relegated the question of the reduction of armaments to the third place. This modifies the order in which the three points were placed in the circular of the Russian minister of foreign affairs, Count Muraviev, but it has the merit of responding more closely to the views of the delegates, and it is now considered certain that mediation and arbitration will have the chief place in the work of the conference. Further, the opinion is unanimously expressed that the American and British delegates will take the most important part in the study of this question. The conference decided to-day that all delegates, including the technical representatives, are to participate in the sittings and join in the discussions. The date of the next sitting has not yet been fixed. It depends upon the progress which will be made by the committees.

NO SENTIMENT IN THIS.

Americans Will Receive Filipino Peace Proposals but Keep Ready to Strike Afresh.

Manila, May 20.—The Filipino commissioners called on Major-General Otis this afternoon and arranged to meet the members of the American commission on Monday when they expect their colleagues will have arrived. The chairman and secretary of their commission have been chosen. Major-General Otis has declined to recognize the rebels to the extent of agreeing to an armistice, but he has notified the American commanders to refrain temporarily from aggressive action. Thus he is in a position to resume hostilities at any time. This will defeat any subterfuge to gain time, which would not be the case of the General agreed to an armistice. The Filipinos are so deceptive that people hesitate to credit with good faith their latest overtures. More attention is now paid to them than was paid to their previous advances, however. The Filipino commission is acting under instructions from Aguinaldo and the congress but it is possible that if peace is arranged, Generals Luna and Pio del Pilar and their followers will continue a guerilla warfare. At Iloilo an attack on the Americans was recently effected. The Filipino leader boasted that he had two thousand and fifteen men, and sent an ultimatum to the American commander ordering him to leave the island. An army of natives left the town during several days after. The outposts were doubled and in addition the Yorktown and the Iris were ordered in positions commanding the mouth of the Iloilo river, where the attack was expected to take place, but it failed to materialize.

London, May 20.—The Filipino junta at Hongkong has called the London office of the Associated Press saying it is untrue that General Luna is wounded or has surrendered; contradicting the report that General Montenegro is dead, and announcing that the difficulty between Luna and Mascardo is settled. The despatch adds that the opinion prevails in Manila that the peace negotiations have failed because Major-General Otis demanded the unconditional surrender of all arms as a preliminary. This it was further stated, was considered unnecessary harsh and it was announced that the Filipinos would continue to fight until their rights were recognized and would appeal to the American people to help them obtain their natural and reasonable aspirations.

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ICE IS STILL STRONG.

Yukon River is Open, but Lakes Frozen—Telegraph Construction Delayed.

Luke Greenwald of this city returned on the steamer Tees from a trip to White Horse Rapids. He reports that the Yukon river was open from Lake Labarge to Dawson, but the ice on the lakes was still strong, and it will probably be the middle of June before navigation opens. A week ago yesterday teams started from Bennett for Cariboo Crossing with supplies for the Dominion Government Telegraph expedition, but had gone but a few miles when the ice broke and they had to return. This put a stop to heavy hauling on the lake.

The steamer Flora made the trip from White Horse to the Hootalinga, being the first steamer to make the run. On the way out, Mr. M. Greenwald encountered a severe snow storm on English Lake, but beyond this travelling was good.

An additional mile and a half has been built to Norman Macaulay's tramway at White Horse, new wharves have been erected, and everything in readiness for the summer rush to Dawson. Advice received by the Victoria-Yukon Trading Company stated that D. Carmody had gone down the river with four barges loaded with supplies.

Three Killed in War Eagle Shaft

Loosened Bolt Allows Lift to Drop Over Three Hundred Feet.

Two of Five Passengers Miraculously Survive—An Inquest in Progress.

By Associated Press.

Rossland, May 20.—At 12:30 this morning a terrible accident occurred in the main shaft of the War Eagle mine whereby four men lost their lives.

At the hour stated Mike Crook, W. F. Schofield, H. A. Honeyford, James O. Palmer and Thomas A. Neville entered the skip at the 250-foot level. The engineer in charge, Robert Hall, started the machinery, but the nut holding the main bolt on the starter lever worked off and the bolt fell off, throwing Hall on his back. Control lost the hold and it dashed down to the foot of the shaft, 350 feet.

When the rescuing party climbed down they found Honeyford, Palmer and Neville quite dead and smashed almost beyond recognition. Crook and Schofield, the latter very badly and the former only slightly hurt, were taken out of the mine by the Iron Mask tunnel and conveyed to the Sisters' hospital. Schofield died at 1 o'clock from his injuries. Mike Crook, however, has almost recovered. He was able to give an account of the terrible trip down the shaft, and will be able to leave the hospital in a day or so.

Superintendent Hastings said to-day that the five men were among the pick of the mine, and were all fine fellows and good workers. Schofield was an Oakville man and an old Upper Canada College boy. Crook was an International Scotland-England football player. Honeyford was an active member of the Salvation Army in Rossland. Palmer and Neville came here from New Brunswick. All the men were unmarried. Schofield was sent here recently by T. G. Black stock and put to work on the War Eagle. The provincial government wired Coroner Bowes to hold an inquest and instructed Agent Kirk to watch the case for them.

The inquest was opened at 3:30 p. m. to-day, but after viewing the bodies and inspecting the machinery at the mine the jury adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday.

Inspector McGregor is now on his way here, and a thorough investigation will be held. Seven men have lost their lives in Rossland camp within a month. It is proposed to give the unfortunate men a public funeral to-morrow. The disaster has upset business and created a gloomy impression in the camp. The War Eagle closed down, but will start up again on Monday.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST. Side Light on Mr. Costigan's Conversion—Coal Company Manager Resigns—A Visiting Preacher.

Winnipeg, May 20.—(Special)—Mr. W. J. Christie, ex-deputy collector here was seen to-day in reference to the report that he had been called to give evidence before a committee of the House of Commons in regard to inland revenue matters. Mr. Christie said that he had not yet received notification of it, but was ready to give evidence and could substantiate every charge that had been made. Mr. H. A. Costigan, son of Hon. John Costigan, who has recently gone over to the government side of the house, figures in the matter to be dealt with by Mr. Christie.

Sir William Van Horne, president of the C. P. R., left for Montreal this morning. W. D. Barclay has resigned his position as manager of the Alberta Railway and Coal Company at Lethbridge and will take a position with Foley Bros., railway contractors of St. Paul.

Rev. Mr. Ely of Vancouver, on route East, will preach in Grace church to-morrow.

BUILDING TRADES' STRIKE.

One Thousand Men Quit Work in Winnipeg to Help the Carpenters' Demand.

Winnipeg, May 20.—(Special)—The building work in the city, of which there is so much to be done, is practically at a standstill, fully one thousand men being out on strike, including 340 carpenters, 235 bricklayers, stonecutters and masons, 200 teamsters, 120 team owners, 70 laborers and 40 plumbers. With the exception of the plumbers, all have come out in sympathy with the carpenters, who struck work three weeks ago, with the modest number of 65 men, but they were so energetically that soon they had almost every man who could properly be called a carpenter on the striking roll. A compromise was continually expected, but the employing contractors held out against the demands for a minimum rate of 30 cents per hour, until this present crisis has been reached. The bricklayers went out to-day.

Dawson in Ashes.

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The ashes of the bank had had time to cool men were working on the spot with rockers, there being a good probability that much of the lost gold will be recovered in this manner.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT. An extra of the Skagway Alaskan received by the Tees at midnight contains the following brief report, wired from Bennett to Skagway just previous to the sailing of the steamer:

Another disastrous fire has visited Dawson City, this time fairly wiping out the entire business part of the town and creating losses that will aggregate one million dollars—with not a dollar's worth of insurance on any of the great losses. The news was telegraphed over from Bennett this afternoon by the special correspondent of the Daily Alaskan, who received it from a man named Tokales who had just reached Bennett from a long and perilous trip out from Dawson over broken trails, open rivers and dangerous lakes.

Mr. Tokales reports that the fire occurred on April 21 in the very heart of the business centre of the city, commencing near the opera house, on the water front, and spreading with unusual rapidity, driven by a strong north wind, destroying everything in its way on that street down to and including Donahue & Smith's establishment, and taking in all of the water front buildings abreast of the same blocks. In other words, the fire crossed the street, burned through and spread over to Second street, covering the principal business portion of Dawson, leaving it all in ashes, with the firemen helpless and powerless to do anything.

The fire consumed everything from Timmins' Royal cafe down to and opposite the Fairview hotel.

The fire was the most disastrous that has ever visited Dawson, every building burning like tinder, due to the fact that they have been standing for nearly two years and the logs are as dry as powder. The fire spread with such great rapidity that the citizens appeared panic stricken and unable to save anything in the way of furniture, goods and clothing, so that the losses when footed up promise to be even greater than at first estimated.

Among the most prominent firms burned out were the Royal cafe, Donahue & Smith, McClellan & McFeely, Parsons' Produce Company, Aurora saloon, Bodega saloon, Madden house, Hotel Victoria, McDonald block, Bank of British North America, and scores of smaller firms and business houses.

This fire came at a time when the mills and dealers in building materials had exhausted their winter's supplies and were waiting the opening of navigation to replenish their stocks. The results are that there is a famine in all kinds of building material and furniture, such as sashes, doors, locks, hinges, etc. The few articles still remaining outside of the burned district have quadrupled in price. Doors are selling for \$35 each, door locks \$8 each and everything else in proportion.

The town is paralyzed because nothing can be done until the opening of navigation, which will not be for several weeks. The first boat going up with building material will reap a rich harvest.

Insist on getting Martell's Three Star brandy.

THE OAR.

A Cause for Complaint. The preliminary programme for the celebration appears to bristle with mistakes. Another instance developed yesterday, regarding even the 14 ft. regatta. This race is thus specified in the programme:

"14. All-comers' Race.—Any size boat, any number of oars. Course: Round Island and return. First prize, \$35; second, \$25; third, \$15; fourth, \$10; fifth, \$5." "All-comers' race" is apparently the race as open with sufficient distinctness, and accordingly two home athletes, Messrs. Denny and Moss, yesterday sent in their entry for the event. Much to their surprise, they received notification from the Secretary that it was not for them, the "all-comers' race" was supposed to be for the Royal Navy only, he explained.

TRIAL HEATS.

The trial heats of the James Bay club's lustreless fours yesterday afforded some good sport, four crews taking part. The first race was between the following crews: H. Galbraith (stroke), L. Campbell, E. Burns and B. Savannah (bow); and K. Schofield (stroke), A. Davie, E. Schofield and W. Wolfenden (bow). The latter crew won by three-quarters of a length. The second heat was between C. Bunting (stroke), C. Marshall, J. Colours and J. L. Lawson, Jr. (bow); and J. Bridgman (stroke), A. McLean, C. Pope and W. B. Christopher (bow). The final between Schofield's and Bridgman's crews was won by the former by a length after an exciting race. At Laurel Point Bridgman's crew was leading by two lengths but through erratic steering lost what they had gained. About twenty yards from the finish Bridgman's crew fouled the other boat. Schofield got his boat clear and won a fine race by a clear length. It is the intention of the club to hold a series of these races.

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Their Annual Church Parade

Sons of England Will Attend Services at St. John's Church.

Subjects for the Sermons and Hours of Worship To-Day.

The Sons of England in all parts of the world will to-day hold their annual church parade, the members of the Victoria lodge attending the morning service at St. John's church. They will meet at their hall at 10 a. m. and march by the way of Yates and Douglas streets to the church. Rev. Percival Jenks will preach. The services for the day at this church are: Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning prayer at 11, on following the celebration of holy communion; and evening at 7. The musical arrangements are:

MORNING.
Organ—The Pilgrim's Song of Hope. Bariste Hymns. 107, 210 and 313
Organ—Missa. Smallwood

EVENING.
Organ—Postlude in F. Spohr Hymns. 156, 154 and 23
Organ—Gloria in B. Smallwood

At Christ Church cathedral the preacher at the morning service will be Bishop Perrin and at the evening service Rev. Canon Beaudouin. The order of the musical services is:

MATINS.
Voluntary—Pastorale in G. Gullmant
Te Deum
Psalm for the day
Benedictus
Turtle Hymns. 156, 520 and 300
Kyrie
Voluntary—Andante in G. Calkin

VESPERS.
Voluntary—Evening Prayer. Hy. Smart
Processional Hymn
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis
Benedictus
From Heaven—God of Old Came Down
From Heaven—Rev. E. V. Hall
Bass Solo—W. H. Barton

Tenor Solo
Hymns. 155, 363 and 215
Voluntary—Sonata in G. Handel

Services will be held at St. Saviour's church at 8 a. m., when holy communion will be celebrated; 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. Rev. C. E. Sharpe will preach in the evening. The preacher in the evening at St. James' church, James Bay, will be Bishop Perrin, 11 a. m.; choral evening, with procession, 7 p. m.; the rector, Rev. E. G. Miller officiates throughout the day, and preaches both morning and evening. The musical portion is as follows:

MORNING.
Organ Prelude—Communion in B. Scott
Psalm Hymn
Kyrie
Agnus Dei, Gloria
Hymns. 313 and 324
Gloria
(Messiah)
Handel

EVENING.
Organ Prelude—The Better Land. Cowen
Proper Psalm. 104 and 145
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.
Kommens in E
Hymns. 151, 535 and 151
Organ Postlude—Triumphal March from Naiman

The services at the Presbyterian churches will be held at the usual hours, no special announcements being made. Rev. Dr. Campbell will preach in the first church, Rev. W. Leslie Clay in St. Andrew's, Rev. D. Macleod in Victoria West and Rev. Mr. Knowles in the district churches.

The same can be said of the Methodist churches, the pastors of the Metropolitan, Centennial, Victoria West and James Bay churches having returned from the conference being at home with their congregations. After the evening service at the Metropolitan church there will be a song service.

Rev. A. L. Brown, of Campbelltown, N.B. will preach both morning and evening at Calgary Baptist church, the subject of his morning sermon being "The Power of an Endless Life," and of his evening sermon, "Paul's Shipwreck." At Emmanuel church Rev. H. Saunders will preach in the morning, and Rev. H. C. Sweet in the evening. The new pastor, Rev. G. H. Hastings, M.A., is expected to arrive to take his first services on June 11.

The regular services will be held at St. Andrew's (R.C.) cathedral; and after the evening service there will be a sacred concert.

Rev. Dr. Wilson will preach both morning and evening at the Reformed Episcopal church.

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PERSONAL.

Bishop Christie returned from the Sound yesterday, having accompanied Rev. Father Cleary as far as Tacoma. Mr. Guttman returned last evening from a visit to the States.

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From a musical and artistic standpoint, the event of the past week was the piano recital given by Miss Norma Flumerfelt at the Victoria Conservatory of Music on Wednesday evening, when a large and fashionable audience listened with rapt attention to a most interesting and delightful programme. The young pianist captivated her audience from the start, not only by her playing, but also by her modesty of bearing and charm of manner. Her playing demonstrated to a remarkable degree that she not only possesses musical talent, but has had in addition the perfection of training. It is this intelligent unfolding of the natural gifts that make her the wonderful little artist she has proved herself to be. She is, beyond question, a child of rare gifts, and if her talents are cultivated judiciously she may achieve great results. The opening number, composed by Chaminade, abounded in staccato passages, which were played with great brilliancy and accuracy. In complete contrast was the "Elegiac" of Nollot. The poetic tenderness and breadth of tone showed in the rendering of this poem was wonderful in a player so young. Throughout the diversified programme, each number received at the hands of the performer an artistic and intelligent interpretation. The "Last Hope" of Gotschalk, and the "Percussion" of Hensky especially held the listeners entranced, so perfectly were they performed. The entire programme was from memory, and given technically without a flaw.

The last number was the brilliant "Bolero" of Moszkowski, arranged for two

pianos. It was taken at a tremendous speed, with Mrs. Walker at the second piano, and elicited wild applause. During the evening several songs were contributed by Miss Sharp, with the delightful tone, phrasing and enunciation of which she is mistress. The young pianist was the recipient of several bouquets, and recalls were frequent. Very neat and pretty souvenir programmes were distributed among the guests. The programme in full follows:

Alfred de Ballot, No. 4 "Catherine", Chaminade
Second Mazurka Ebeverna
Elegiac of C. Sharp, Minor, op. 88 Nollot
Caprice "Music in the Garden" Leliebica
Miss Norma C. Flumerfelt.
Songs—"Mignon's Song" from Mignon.
Lullaby De Koven
Miss Sharp.
Mazurkas, op. 7, Nos. 1 and 2
Valses, op. 10, No. 1 Chopin
Spring Song, op. 62, No. 20 Mendelssohn
Miss Norma C. Flumerfelt.
Songs—"Mignon's Song" from Mignon.
Lullaby De Koven
Miss Sharp.
Dance Rustique, op. 16 William Mason
Berceuse, op. 14, as played by "Aus der
Other"
Hensky
Last Hope Gottschalk
Miss Norma C. Flumerfelt.
Bolero, op. 12 Moszkowski
(For two pianos).
Miss Walker, Miss Norma C. Flumerfelt.

The well-known young musician, Mr. B. J. Bantley, has composed a quickstep, appropriately named "Celebration March." It will be played by the composer for the first time in public at Mr. Burnett's organ recital to-morrow evening. The march has been arranged for band, and will be found on the programme of the Regimental band for the Queen's Birthday festivities. In the band arrangement Mr. Bantley has shown much talent, for he has succeeded in producing some novel and striking effects. The march is full of dash and spirit, and is bound to be popular. Mr. Bantley has already made arrangements to have it published for the piano.

On Monday evening at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the fifth organ recital of this season's series will be given, when Mrs. J. D. Helmecken, Mr. Barton and Dr. Robertson as vocalists will assist. Mr. Barton's rich deep bass voice will be heard in two of Handel's best oratorio selections, viz.: "Arm, Arm, Ye Brave" and "Honor and Arms." Mrs. Helmecken, whose perfect singing needs no comment, renders: "He Shall Feed His Flock," Handel; and "Love

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Organ—"The Pilgrims' Chorus" (Tannhauser) Wagner
G. J. Burnett.
Air—"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Toms
Dr. Robertson.
Organ—"Grand Offertoire" Wely
B. J. Bantley.
Recit—"Woe Unto Them"
Air—"Love Not the World" Sullivan
Mrs. J. D. Helmecken.
Violin—Concerto, op. 16 De Beriot
E. J. Bantley.
Recit—"I Feel the Dearly Within" Handel
Air—"Arm, Arm, Ye Brave" Handel
Mr. Barton.
Organ—"Celebration March" B. J. Bantley
B. J. Bantley.
Air—"O Rest in the Lord" Mendelssohn
Dr. Robertson.
Organ—"Cradle Song" Spohr
G. J. Burnett.
Recit—"Then Shall the Eyes"
Air—"He Shall Feed His Flock" Handel
Mrs. J. D. Helmecken.
Organ—"March Festival" Wely
G. J. Burnett.
Air—"Honor and Arms" Handel
Mr. Barton.
God Save the Queen.

At St. Andrew (R. C.) cathedral the second concert of this season will be given this evening at 8:30. A very good programme has been arranged, and judging from the first concert given three weeks ago, those who attend may expect good music. New soloists will be heard, and by special request Lambillotti's "O Cor Amor" Vietnam will be repeated. During the concert a collection for the benefit of the choir fund will be taken. Mr. Lombard is now preparing for his grand concert, which will be held on or about June 11, when the chorus will be accompanied by a full orchestra. The programme for this evening's concert is:

Organ Voluntary
Soprano and Chorus—Ave Verum Wiegand
Miss K. Burns and Messrs. Oliver and Grizzle.
Tenor Solo—"The Light From Heaven"
C. Gomod
Mr. H. J. Cave.
Violin Obligato, Mr. E. Powell.
Soprano Solo—Show Me Thy Way, O Lord G. Torrente
Mrs. H. B. Young.
Solo Obligato and Chorus—Pater Noster Stedlermeyer
Miss Edith Lombard.
Duo, Soprano and Tenor—O Salutaris Wiegand
Miss McEneaney and Mr. Cave.
Violin Solo—In Memoriam F. V. Austin
Soprano Solo—Abide With Me Hutchins
Miss E. Sehl.
O Cor Amor Vietnam (by request).
Solo Obligato, Miss McEneaney, with chorus.
Psalm—Laude Domini Bishop Loomes
Conductor, C. A. Lombard; organist, Mrs. Lombard.

There will be a libretto rehearsal for principals of "Robin Hood" at the Dramatic Club to-morrow night, but owing to the holidays no choral rehearsals will be held this week. The opera will be repeated in the theatre on Thursday, June 1.

This afternoon at Shawnigan Lake the second of the summer season series of sacred concerts will be given by the band of the First Battalion, the programme to

be presented being in every way an admirable one. It is given below:

Sacred March—"Festival" Warrep
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Nocturne, op. 106 Walsworth
"Ave Maria" Massengill
Gnomon Obligato, Bandman North.
Grand Processional March—"Silver Trumpets" Viviani
(As played at St. Peter's at Rome at the Grand Festival of the Council.)
Characteristic Piece—"In the Chapel" Elmhurst
"Piercing the Song of Hope" Battiste
(Such a sweet and graceful composition as this is even more than its name would imply; it could not be more pure and beautiful were it created to represent the realization of the "fondest hopes" the soul can desire.)
Paraphrase—"How Gentle God's Command" Nagel
Sacred March—"Ray State Commandery"
(Introducing the hymn, "Adeste Fideles.")
God Save the Queen.

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THE LOCAL NEWS.

Board of Trade.—A meeting of the council of the British Columbia Board of Trade is to be held on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

En Route to Alaska.—Otto Nordenskjöld is expected here from Sweden on May 28. He is a nephew of Adolph Erik Nordenskjöld, the noted Swedish explorer and is coming West to enter the Alaskan wilds in company with Harry Gibson and John Erickson.

Gun Practice.—There was a disappointingly small attendance at yesterday's gun practice of No. 1 company Fifth regiment. The shooting was done under direction of Major Trotter, R.M.A., with Col. Peters scoring and Capt. Blanchard range officer. The shooting was considered fair but might have been better had the "finest all work" satisfactorily.

Assistance for Miners.—A press despatch from Ottawa says: The government propose to send assistance to the miners who are impoverished in the Cassiar district. As will be remembered, A. S. Brindle, a mail carrier, arrived from the head waters of the Stikine a month ago, bringing news of the bad condition of affairs there and of the threatened shortage of supplies.

Sons of St. George.—The Sons of St. George meet at their rooms in the A. O. U. W. hall to-morrow at 8 p.m. There is a large amount of business to transact and some very important announcements to make which will be of interest to the members of the order. The half-yearly report will be read. All initiations are postponed, the election of officers for the half year taking place at this meeting. The roll will be called at 9 o'clock when every member is expected to be present. The members of the order attend church to-day at St. John's.

Universal Brotherhood.—The visit to Victoria of Mrs. Katherine A. Tingley, the leader of the Universal Brotherhood movement throughout the world, promises to be an event of interest. Two of the party, members of the Wagner Society of London, will furnish music, for the members of the organization hold music to be one of the highest agents that can be employed in the true education of humanity. The aims of this body are international and unsectarian and are calculated to appeal powerfully to every man who is a lover of his kind. The spirit of the movement is against materialism in any form, and in favor of enlightenment and freedom in the truest sense of the word. This is held to be the secret of its acceptance and steady growth in every part of the world. A radical solution of social problems is offered in their philosophy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE PARK GRAND STAND.

Sir: In reply to the letter published in Friday night's Times, signed "Pro Bono Publico," I beg to state for the benefit of "Pro Bono Publico" (who, I think, is not mean enough to sign his own name) that the promoters of the proposed grand stand have decided to abandon the idea, on account of one or two cranks; and if we had known that there were any such men in Victoria who would oppose such a thing as this, we certainly would not have applied for permission to erect a stand. Yet while we believe there will be thousands of people at the park on the night of the illumination, there will be hundreds of them who would be glad of the opportunity of getting a seat for the small price of 25 cents on a stand. But when a white citizen suggests something which would be a benefit and a pleasure to our citizens and visitors he objects. And yet we wonder why Victoria is not up-to-date.

VALUE OF A TERMINUS.

Sir: Your correspondent "Civis" has taken a very sensible view of the bonus schemes that have of late been so alarmingly and persistently dangled before us. I quite agree with what he says with regard to the impracticability of making Victoria a terminus by the proposed ferry service. The cheerful view Vancouver takes of the projects should convince anyone of that. Under the proposed new order of things Victoria would be no more a terminus than New Westminster. He might have added that the quick service Nanaimo enjoys with Vancouver has contributed very little appreciable difference to its prosperity, and although New Westminster is the Canadian terminus of the Great Northern railway, connecting right through to New York and San Francisco, we have yet to learn of any million dollar deals in real estate there. The contention that the Angeles ferry scheme in conjunction with a railway to the head of the island would make us the centre of the trade between the Yukon and United States, there is no use discussing, as in the first place Victoria would be little more than a freight station with regard to that trade and in the next place the railway is not built, and doubtless before our dreams in that direction materialize, if they ever do, the Yukon gold fields will be exhausted, if not forgotten.

A LADY'S VIEW.

Sir: In reference to the grand stand proposition at Beacon Hill, we would like to ask the person or persons threatening injunction proceedings what their real grievance is. So far as we have been enlightened it is purely a "dog in the manger" grievance. It is quite true no individual has any better right than another to make money within

the limits of the park; yet we hear no complaint about the candy, peanut and lemonade dealers, who make life miserable at the park on any and all occasions. But because some wide awake, energetic parties have been up and thinking while Mr. "Injunction" was napping, he proposes to stop proceedings—not because he or anyone else is losing anything by his keeping quiet, but just for the same reason that we ever hear from a "mossback"—because there is an opportunity to kick.

It goes without saying that there are not seats enough within the limits of the park to accommodate one-third of the crowd which will be present to witness the fireworks, and if things are not different to what they were last year at the sham battle the choicest of these seats will be occupied by Chinamen, and ladies who have been sight-seeing all day may have their choice of standing for perhaps two or three hours, of sitting by the side of an opium-purified Chinaman or of sitting on the rain-soaked earth, which is certain to produce many aches and pains, for there has not been sunshine enough in Victoria during the year 1898 to make any portion of Beacon hill a desirable arm chair.

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The majority of the citizens will regret that the E. & N. Company's offer regarding a ferry to Vancouver has been withdrawn. The terms of Mr. Dunsen's letter do not preclude the possibility of arrangements being made with the company at some future date, but it is hardly likely that as favorable terms can be obtained for such a service as was contemplated by the offer that has been withdrawn. The E. & N. Company and Mr. James Dunsen are both able to do very much for Victoria, and it is satisfactory to have an assurance that they are prepared to co-operate with the citizens upon certain lines of action.

THE TYRANNY OF WORDS.

The Colonist had a letter last week expressing gratified surprise that any newspaper would make the statement that the domain of the occult is the largest and most difficult of investigation. There was really no occasion for this, for the observation commented upon was only equivalent to saying that more is unknown than is known; nevertheless, so great is the tyranny of words that possibly more than our correspondent thought such a statement unusual. Half the subjects over which men debate, and very many of those that have caused the lighting of fires around the stakes of martyrs have been little else than a controversy over mere forms of expression. Time, the progress of science and discovery and the general broadening of human thought are breaking the verbal fetters, which have for so many years crippled the free movement of mankind, but we are not yet wholly liberated from them. They bind us in social, political and religious life to a greater degree than we can be conscious of until we have set ourselves to think about the matter.

The scientific investigator, who goes so far in his invasion of the secrets of nature that he finds "No Thoughtfare" written across his path, thereafter he is apt to write force and law with a capital F and a capital L. He might with propriety substitute God for the name of the deity, which he thinks he has discovered, but is prevented by the tyranny of words. The religious thinker, who follows with halting steps the trail of the scientist, is so hampered by his verbal fetters that he makes very slow and unsatisfactory progress and usually stops in utter despair before he reaches any point worth attaining. Politicians are almost absolute slaves to party phraseology, which they repeat over and over again, as though it really meant something, and was not simply a convenient cloak under which their leaders hide their plans, or the lack of them. In a very large field we have lately seen the effect of a word. "Thus the great new departure in the policy of the United States was primarily due to the harping of public men and the newspapers upon the word "Americanism," or some synonym of it. Yet the expression meant nothing in particular, or rather everyone understood it to mean what he himself wanted, and thus we had over seventy millions of presumably sane people carried away by a phrase from a policy followed by their forefathers for a century. It recalls the case of the good old dame, who said that there was nothing in the whole Bible from which she derived as much comfort as from that blessed word, "Mesopotamia." In social affairs so great is the tyranny of words that many excellent and intelligent people have their lives made a burden by it.

Reverting to our correspondent's letter, and taking the meaning of it which he doubtless intended, we may say that every person who is at all familiar with the Holy Scriptures will surely concede that one of the lessons lying upon the very face of them is that the domain of the occult is, to all intents and purposes,

illimitable. Take the account of creation. What an infinite ocean of mystery is indicated in the verse with which Genesis opens: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." The mystery locked up in this single sentence is vaster than the whole sum total of human knowledge. Take up one after another the verses of this first chapter, and mystery confronts you at every turn. Read the Mosiac law, with all its types and symbols, and try to set bounds to the mystery, which they are intended to illustrate. Read the Psalms, and note how full they are of occult suggestions. What are the Prophecies, if not a series of mysteries? And when we come to the New Testament and read the story of Christ, must we not join with the Apostle in saying: "Great is the mystery of Godliness—God manifest in the flesh."

So our correspondent will see that instead of any mental courage being requisite to enable a writer to take the position referred to, he would be bold to the point of extreme rashness who would aver to the contrary. There is not a sphere of human thought and research of which it may not be truly said: "We see as through a glass, darkly." Indeed, unless they had very much poorer glass in the days of the Apostle than we have now, the simile does scant justice to the obscurity which surrounds us. Most of us are as if we were wandering in a fog weighed down with a burden of chains, which prevents us from looking up to catch the glimpses of the sunlight of truth disclosed by occasional rifts in the cloud.

REDISTRIBUTION.

The rectification of frontiers is always troublesome business and the Laurier ministry will no doubt find it so. So far as has yet transpired, no one seems to take special exception to the small changes in Prince Edward's Island and New Brunswick. In the latter province all that has been done is to divide a constituency that has hitherto elected two members and to give each of the divisions one member. If it were proposed to make this rule general, we would feel disposed to support it, for there seems to be no good reason why a resident of one part of the Dominion should have a right to vote for two members of the House of Commons, while the majority have only the right to vote for one. No changes are proposed in Manitoba or British Columbia. In regard to this province we think that the arguments advanced by the Colonist against a change at this particular time may be considered as influencing the government. We do not mean that the Colonist has influenced the government, but only that the considerations put forward in these columns must have occurred to the government and led it to see the wisdom of attempting to make any rearrangement at this time which would be satisfactory to anyone. It is with some satisfaction that we note the failure of the papers in this province supporting the government to impress their views upon it.

The changes proposed in Quebec are of some importance, but they appear to be dwarfed in comparison with those in Ontario. It is alleged that those will deprive the Conservatives of seven seats, which means a difference of fourteen on a division, a change quite sufficient in the event of a close contest to determine the fate of a ministry. The avowed object of the government is to restore the conditions existing before 1882 as regards the boundaries of the constituencies. The government claims that the change of 1882 was for political reasons. It follows that the new change must also be for political reasons, because it cannot be contended, and is not in fact suggested, that a single individual in Ontario has been deprived of his right to a voice in the affairs of the Dominion. Surely in seventeen years the people of Ontario must have become accustomed to the present arrangement. Admitting for argument's sake that there was a "hiving of Grits" in 1882, surely very many of the Grits who were then hived must have given place to a new brood and surely in the safe Conservative constituencies then created, if there were any such, the individual composition of the electorate must have been greatly changed, so that it is impossible, no matter what the government may ask parliament to do, to restore the conditions existing before 1882. Therefore we hold that every argument made use of by the Liberals in 1882 against the Conservative redistribution applies with equal force to the measure, which they are now fathering. It does not follow that the Conservatives are estopped by the legislation of 1882 from objecting to that now proposed. The year 1882 was one following a decennial census, when a redistribution was provided for in the B. N. A. act. By the constitution of the Dominion it became the duty of the government in 1882 to introduce a redistribution bill. This being the case the rest was only a matter of detail. But the case is otherwise now. A redistribution, as contemplated by the B. N. A. act will be impossible before 1902. The present measure is a political stop pure and simple. We have in previous articles expressed doubt as to its constitutionality. Under these circumstances it becomes the duty of the Conservative party to do battle as best it can to prevent such an unjustifiable exercise of power by a parliamentary majority.

TROOPS FOR ALASKA.

The right of the United States government to send troops to Alaska will not be questioned, neither will the courtesy of the notification to the British government, but as to the necessity for such a step, so far as is requisite to preserve any rights of United States citizens from interference at the hands of Canada there is more than a doubt. Those per-

sons, who are in a position to know what is transpiring in the disputed area between the two countries, are the last to suggest that there is likely to be even a semblance of a collision or even a conflict of interests. But in this matter the hands of the United States have been forced by a lot of sensationalists, who have managed to create an impression in Washington that something or other is in danger or will be in danger, unless the military arm of the country is represented somewhere in the North. Ever since the Mounted Police went to the Yukon, these feather-brained United States patriots have scented peril to the interests of their country. When the militia contingent went forward later, some of these same sensationalists thought, or professed to think, that a force should be forthwith despatched to be on hand to prevent Canadian aggression. The minor fact that the militia are some hundreds of miles away from any territory, which the most grasping American ever laid claim to, is quietly disregarded.

We had an illustration a few days ago of the absurd way in which the United States press is capable of making a fool of itself over international matters. When the Deadman's Island squabble was becoming acute, it will be remembered that H. M. S. Egeria dropped anchor in Vancouver harbor. A more innocent craft than the Egeria cannot well be imagined unless it be the United States lighthouse tender Manzanita, which followed her into Burrard Inlet a few days later. The presence of these two ships in port at the same time was made the basis for a highly sensational story in the Chicago papers about a possible collision between Great Britain and the United States, the alleged object of the Manzanita being to protect the interests of Chicago capitalists in Deadman's Island. When such rubbish as this is treated seriously by metropolitan newspapers, there is not much cause for surprise in the fact that the fiction which filters down from Alaska is regarded by the authorities at Washington as, if not law and gospel, something too closely resembling it to be disregarded with impunity.

It is scarcely worth while while for the Peace Conference to remain in session now that the Skagway Chamber of Commerce has sent out its invitation in re the Alaskan boundary. It is indeed somewhat strange that the Czar did not sent out to Skagway to ascertain what the people of that highly influential locality thought about the desirability of bringing the white-winged dove of peace out of the hen house for a brief flight in the sight of man. Skagway has got rid of Soapy Smith, but his spirit seems to influence the views of its people as to the proper way of dealing with international questions.

The strike among the grain handlers at Buffalo, N.Y., is said to be likely to do the port permanent injury, by causing a diversion of traffic to other channels. It seems an unfortunate thing that labor organizations, in themselves laudable enough, are so frequently controlled by short-sighted people. In these days of keen competition, a small thing may completely overturn industries apparently established upon an immutable foundation. In the end it is the laboring man who suffers. The capitalist can protect himself. The man, who has only the labor of his hands to depend upon, is powerless to prevent his whole means of obtaining a livelihood from being swept away. The commerce hitherto done at Buffalo will be handled somewhere under any circumstances, and men of capital can follow it. The men who work for wages cannot. Others besides the grain handlers of Buffalo would be wise to give this matter some consideration.

There seems to be small prospect of an agreement between the mine owners and the miners upon the eight-hour question, and well-informed people are not a little uneasy over the consequences. It is not suggested that there is likely to be any outbreak, but the prospect of the mines being closed and a large number of people being thrown out of employment is not reassuring. That this state of things should be precipitated just now is unfortunate, for the British Columbia mines are coming into greater favor than ever before with the British investor. Among exhibitions of hasty and ill-advised legislation this law holds a first place. On the general proposition of an eight-hour day in underground workings we suppose there is no great difference of opinion, but in view of the present condition of metalliferous mining so precipitate a change is prejudicial to the interests of all concerned. Any government not animated by demagogic ideas would have made the question the subject of careful inquiry before passing legislation dealing with it in such a radical manner.

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SYNOPSIS.

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TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	49	59
New Westminster	49	59
Kamloops	46	52
Barkerville	30	56
Calgary	32	42
Winnipeg	34	40
Portland, Ore.	46	56
San Francisco, Cal.	46	56

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Sunday:
Victoria and Vicinity—Southwest and west winds; mostly fair; not much change in temperature.
Lower Mainland—Southwest and west winds; mostly fair; not much change in temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, May 20.

Deg.	Mean.	Deg.
5 a.m.	49	Mean
Noon	58	Highest
5 p.m.	53	Lowest
The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:		
5 a.m.	Calm.	
Noon	8 miles south.	
5 p.m.	8 miles south.	
Average state of weather—Partly cloudy.		
Sunshine—5 hours 30 minutes.		
Barometer at noon—Observed, 30.106		
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The Week

At the Theatre

Roland Reed and Isadore Rush
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To-Morrow Evening.

Two Nights' Engagement of
MacDowell and Miss
Blanche Walsh.

Mr. Roland Reed and his co-star, Miss Isadore Rush, who were last with Victorians on the evenings of the 14th and 15th May, 1906, renew their pleasant acquaintance with the playgoers of this city to-morrow evening, when they will be seen in their new comedy, "The Wrong Mr. Wright." A general request to Manager Jamieson that Miss Rush be asked to sing that quaint little conceit, "I Want You, Ma Honey," has elicited a promise from that good-natured manager that he will "speak to Miss Rush about it"—and those who are familiar with the readiness of the comedienne to oblige anticipate a favorable response. When the Reed-Rush combination last was here, the singing of this song so caught the house that no fewer than seven encores were insisted on.

Mr. Reed's new play enables the comedian to be seen to the best advantage in one of the best roles he has yet appeared in as a star. The comedy is from the pen of Geo. H. Broadhurst, a young writer who gives promise from his present work of being one of our most brilliant dramatists. The character which Mr. Reed portrays—Seymour Sites—is built on entirely different lines from anything in which that popular comedian has appeared for a number of years. He is extremely mean and close in his business and private life. The scene of the play opens at Old Point Comfort, where Sites has come to this being the first time he has left his business in twenty years. He is brought to this point by the defalcation of a clerk who has forged his name to a check for \$50,000. The matter has been placed in the hands of a detective agency, and a reward of \$5,000 is offered for the arrest and conviction of the thief. From an intimate friend, Sites hears that his former employee is about to visit Old Point Comfort, where, in order to escape recognition, he has registered under the name of Mr. Wright. He immediately comes in contact with a niece and nephew, who are there on pleasure bent. He takes them into his confidence, and they promise to assist him. He passes through numerous complications in his endeavor not to disclose his identity. A crisis comes upon the arrival of Henrietta O'Brien, a female detective who has been placed upon the case of the forgery by the detective agency employed by Sites. Sites becomes smitten with her, and she, in turn becomes impressed with the idea that Sites is the forger for whom she is looking, as he has also taken her action of Wright. Upon his meeting with Henrietta, Sites' entire nature changes. From being close he goes to the other extreme. Spends money like water, and entertains in a manner that is dazzling. All this strengthens the idea in Henrietta's mind that Sites is the forger, and that he is dissipating upon the proceeds. Numerous are the complications that arise from this incident, and in the final act Sites is arrested for robbing himself. Henrietta, in the meantime, has become greatly attached to Sites, and after she has caused his arrest regrets her action and endeavors to induce him to escape. All is finally satisfactorily explained.

Running through the play are several interesting underplots, and the story is told in bright, crisp dialogue. The characters are novel in construction and are well carried out. Mr. Reed has surrounded himself with an exceptionally clever company, chief among which is the charming Miss Isadore Rush, who has a novel character to portray—that of a female detective—which gives her splendid opportunities, and in which she wears some striking gowns.

Speaking of the Walsh-McDowell Company, who appear at the Victoria Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the Salt Lake Tribune says: "Among the instances in which precedent has been defied and all examples set aside, none have been more interesting than the complete triumph of Blanche Walsh last night as the star of 'La Tosca.' Fortunately critics are not chained by any strings of stage authority, and can speak without mincing or equivocating or diluting facts. Melbourne MacDowell may own 'La Tosca,' his name may dominate the billboards and he may sign the pay roll, but Blanche Walsh is the clear, dominating star. It is a foot-light revelation to find an actress who at best has only been known as a good leading lady spring into the theatrical firmament with light as lustrous and brilliancy as keen as one who through two

generations of theatre-goers has been an acknowledged genius. Blanche Walsh had not the well-known name, the illustrious lineage or the family prestige to throw around her the glamour that encircled Fanny Davenport. Her accomplishments are her own, and her success comes from no factitious aids. Last night she aroused the unreserved enthusiasm and inspired the unrestricted admiration of an audience schooled to self-control and calm judgment. It was her first appearance as a star, and if aught her position was rather that of a new junior partner in an old institution. Only a few minutes were required to install her as the real power, the planet around which the others revolved. Mr. MacDowell himself, virile and trained and molded in the Sardou school of tragedy, was a secondary element. Miss Walsh has not the physical weight or the majestic presence of Fanny Davenport; neither has she the masculine support, the great actress' impersonations. She is the woman; she is refined. She is of the gentler sex, even when frightful situations impel her to desperate and heroic actions. She enlists our sympathies. She is handsome and noble in face, graceful in movement, with a voice delicately modulated and beautifully infected. There are in her tones that rhythm and purity which charms the ear and enlist the heart. Where as Florio Tosca she consents to her own degradation to save her lover, the scene resolution of a desperate woman, grasping for the last means of support is revealed. Again and again Miss Walsh was called to the stage, and only personal responses in front of the curtain were accepted as final.

"Mr. MacDowell as the unprincipled Scarpia, ruler of Rome, was a fearful and designed by the author. Of massive figure



Blanche Walsh.

and haughty air, Mr. MacDowell lent splendid support to Miss Walsh, and in some measure shared the honors bestowed. Mr. Arthur Elliott, as the lover, is, while not so finely shaded in his interpretation, a strong and effective actor. The multitude of subsidiary roles are not of sufficient prominence to more than give a harmonious background to the three principal parts already enumerated. They are what may be termed "stock"—that is, a collection of people who do their work acceptably, but have no opportunity for display of individuality.

The mounting of the play is magnificent. Most elaborate of scenes is the one of act 4, representing Scarpia's room in the famous castle overlooking the Tiber. Yet a finer one in its effects of light and shade and general beauty is the final tableau, representing the ramparts of the same castle.

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTIE.

Arrangements Being Made for a Reception at Portland.

At Portland on Tuesday last a meeting of the priests of the archdiocese of Oregon was held to take steps to provide for a fitting reception for the new archbishop. Very Rev. Father Blanchet, administrator, took the chair ex-officio, and Rev. J. H. Black was appointed secretary of the meeting. The chairman announced the reception of a letter from Archbishop Christie, in which he expressed his preference for an unostentatious reception. A committee of five was appointed to arrange the details of the reception and to co-operate with the laity in furtherance of the desired object. The following priests were selected to form this committee: Very Rev. F. X. Blanchet (chairman), Rev. Fathers Orth, Heinrich, O'Reilly, Chabot and Hughes. The general meeting then adjourned, and the committee sat in special session to prepare a programme of reception and confer with the laity upon the subject. Archbishop Christie will leave for Portland about June 15.

FRASER STILL RISING

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MR. DUNSMUIR WITHDRAWS.

Does Not Consider That His Proposition Has Met With Approval of Citizens.

The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, through Mr. James Dunsmuir, vice-president, have withdrawn their proposition submitted to the Committee of Fifty for providing Victoria with railway connection by means of a trolley from Vancouver to Chemainus and thence over the E. & N. railway to Victoria. Mr. Dunsmuir gives as his reason for the withdrawal of the proposition that apparently it has not met with the views of the committee or the public generally and it has not been shown what connection is considered most advantageous. While withdrawing the offer Mr. Dunsmuir promises to work in conjunction with the citizens in any matter that his company consider to be for the advancement of the city. His letter received yesterday by Mr. Shakespeare, chairman of the railway committee of the Committee of Fifty, is as follows:

Victoria, May 19, 1909.

Noah Shakespeare, Esq., Chairman Citizens' Railway Committee, Victoria:

Dear Sir:—As the proposition submitted to you on May 1 has apparently not met with the views of your committee or of the citizens generally, and as it has not as yet been shown conclusively by the people just what connection is considered most advantageous, we beg to withdraw our offer.

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